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From on board the Barfleur in Vado Bay, Sept. 28, N.S.

SIR George Byng having got the Imperial Troops imbarked, with as much Provisions as are neceſſary to carry them to Sicily, has made the Signal for preparing to ſail; and hopes to do ſo this Night, if the Wind permits. He will leave a Man of War at Genoa, to convoy to Sicily ſome Ammunition that is coming from France, with ſuch Stores and Proviſions as are not ready to go with us now from hence, as alſo to bring about 700 Men who are marching from the Milaneze to compleat this Body under General Bonneval. Sir George Byng received ſome Days ago a Letter from General Mercy, dated from the Camp at Meſſina the 4th Inſtant, giving an Account of the Progreſs made at that time in the Siege of the Citadel, when the Works of the Beſiegers were advanced to the Palliſades of the Counterſcarp; and adviſing likewiſe, that on the 31ſt of Auguſt, N. S. the Marqueſs de Lede with the Spaniſh Army marched from Francavilla to Caſtrareal, where they halted till the 3d Inſtant, when they came within four Miles of Melazzo: By the Intelligence which General Mercy had received, the Marqueſs de Lede deſigned to march on the 4th to Rametta within 14 Miles of Meſſina. That Marqueſs had given out he would attack the Imperialiſts at Meſſina; but they were in no manner of Apprehenſion of it, on the contrary they had made proper Diſpoſitions for carrying on the Siege of the Citadel, for keeping all quiet in the Town, and at the ſame time for giving him a good Reception. The Muſquet-Ball which General Mercy had received near his Reins in the Action at Francavilla, was taken out on the 4th Inſtant. Sir George Byng has received a Letter from Captain Matthews, Commander of His Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Kent, dated off Palermo the 31ſt paſt, N.S. which relates, that on the 29th about Eleven at Night Captain Scot fell in with a Sattee; it proving little Wind he ſent his Boat after her, which came up with her: The Maſter himſelf fired the firſt Patterero, which wounded Captain Scot's Cockſwain, cauſed others to be fired, and encouraged his Men to defend the Veſſel; but the Boat clapping him on board, the Men in her poured in their Volley of ſmall Arms, with which the ſaid Maſter was ſhot dead. They took Poſſeſſion of the Veſſel: In her was a Collonel, Aide de Camp to the Marqueſs de Lede, who had under his Care Packets of Letters from the Court of Madrid, and had juſt time to throw them into the Sea before the Sattee was boarded: He ſaid he left Barcelona on the 21ſt of Auguſt.

Genoa, Oct. 1, N.S. The Troops being imbarked the 28th paſt, Sir George Byng ſet ſail at Midnight, and the next Morning was in ſight of Corſica: Towards Noon the Wind proved contrary, ſo that he was ſeen off this Port in the Afternoon: But as the Wind was fair all the 30th we preſume he has made a conſiderable Progreſs in his Voyage.

Puycerda, Sept. 26, N. S. The Marſhal Berwick will arrive at Urgel To-Morrow, where we expect he will be met by a conſiderable Body of Catalans. Prince Pio is come to Lerida with 11000 Men of the King of Spain's Troops.

Berne, Oct. 4. The Deputies of this State returned on the 23d paſt from Frawenfelt, where they have adjuſted, in Concert with thoſe of Zurich, the Differences ariſen lately between the Abbot of St. Gall and his Subjects of the County of Tockenbourg, to the Satisfaction of both Parties. An Inſtrument has been drawn up on this Occaſion, to explain ſuch Articles of the late Treaty of Baden as had left Room for Diſpute; and ſuch as relate to the Government of the County of Tockenbourg, and were couched only in general Terms in the ſaid Treaty, have been regulated by the ſaid Deputies with the Agreement of the Abbot and his Subjects. The former has ſigned this Inſtrument on one Side, and the Deputies of the Two Cantons on the other. This Prelate has given, during this Negotiation, great Proofs of his Reaſonableneſs and peaceable Temper. It is adviſed from Schaffhuyſen, that that Canton having withdrawn its Troops which were quartered at Wilchingen, the Inhabitants which had fled from thence were returned thither to gather in their Grapes for the Vintage. It is hoped this will prove a Step towards reſtoring the publick Tranquility in that Canton. Sig. Giuſeppe Giacomazzi, the Venetian Reſident with the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne, who reſided at the former Place, came hither on the 29th paſt to take his Audience of Leave of this State, being recalled by his Maſters at his own Deſire, though he has not accompliſhed the uſual Term of three Years in this Function, upon Pretence that this Climate does not agree with his Conſtitution. He had accordingly his Audience of the Senate two Days ago, whither he was conducted by two of its Members, made a Speech on that Occaſion, and was afterwards reconducted to his Lodgings in the ſame manner. Soon after the Senate deputed two more of its Members to Compliment him upon his Departure, and to deliver him a Letter to the Doge. He has ſince been entertained at the Expence of the State, and has left this Place to return home.

Hanover, Oct. 6. His Majeſty has received repeated Advices of the Violences and Severities which of late have been committed and exerciſed againſt the Proteſtant Subjects of the Palatinate. This Perſecution began by the taking away from the ſaid Proteſtants the greateſt Part of the Revenues of the Churches of Billigkam, Wolmerſheim, and Morzenheim; was carried on by depriving them of the Church of Creutznach, and of the Church St. Eſprit of Heidelberg, with the Revenues thereunto annexed, which not only obliges the ſaid Proteſtants to perform Divine Service in the open Fields, but alſo takes from them the Means of maintaining their Paſtors; and even the Heidelberg Catechiſm, containing the Principles of the Religion of the ſaid Proteſtants, has been forbidden under ſevere Penalties in all the Countries of the Elector Palatine. Inſtances have been made to his Majeſty, by the King of Pruſſia, the States General, and the Landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel, to employ his Offices effectually to procure Satisfaction to the ſaid Proteſtant Subjects of the Palatinate, and to provide for their Security for the time to come. Whereupon his Majeſty has been pleaſed to order Mr. Haldane, his Miniſter with the

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